

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a method and system for accessing the status of a process  
5 executing either locally or remotely. The invention also involves a process management  
system that invokes an executable process, monitors it, and exchanges status information  
relative to the process with one or more connected machines. A local or remote  
application or machine invokes the process by communicating with the process  
management system over an established connection. The process management system  
10 invokes the requested action on the user's behalf by activating a script engine containing  
a sequence of executable commands and/or routines that initiate and enable the process.  
Status information related to the invoked action is consistently stored in a publicly  
accessible data structure as the process is in execution. Any machines that are connected  
with the process management system over the established connection can retrieve the  
15 data structure containing the process information. Because the method of invoking the  
process and retrieving the status information is not dependent upon the explicit  
mechanisms of the source code used to implement the process, the invention can be used  
in relation to any type of process.